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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Shinobu KOKUFU, et al.

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For: CIRCUIT BOARD AND ITS MANUFACTURE METHOD

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Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed January 14, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire February 14, 2003, wherein the Examiner required restriction between Group I - Claims 1-12, drawn to a printed circuit and Group II - Claims 13-16, drawn to circuit board manufacturing method, Applicants elect without traverse, Group I - claims 1-12 for initial prosecution on the merits. Please cancel claims 13-16 without prejudice.

Applicants also reserve the right to file a Divisional Application for the non-elected claims 13-16, which the Examiner has indicated is patentably distinct.

Applicants believe that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that Applicants have inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time. The

Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0417. A duplicate copy of this Response is enclosed for accounting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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